



The DaySpring **Voice**

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Mark Your Calendar

10.6.13

Third Quarter Financial Meeting

11.19.13

International Thanksgiving

Potluck

11.29 – 12.1.13

Marriage Retreat

12.14.13

Prayer Breakfast

Praise and Thankfulness: Can't have one without the other!

by Ki Hughes



When we think about the goodness of the Lord it is possible to be brought to tears, get back on track with our lives, and be compelled to help someone experience his grace. So what brings us to this point? We all go through life from our spheres and think we're the only person with certain experiences. In actuality, we all have the same

hurts, the same problems and the same disappointments. This is all a part of God's master plan! The things that we see as obstacles, God has allowed them to be used for his glory. These are just some of the things God uses for our continued reliance on him, but they are essential because, as we grow in the knowledge of God's grace and mercy, with Christ working through us, we are able to respond to obstacles in our lives with jubilation. This very connection with Christ provides innumerable reasons to be thankful to God! He knows our hurts, he's seen the let downs, he's heard about our problems and he knows our disappointments, but WE

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Pastoral Thought

Today's Ashamed Christians. "We often don't mind talking about sinful lusts and desires and do it with no shame at all. Discussions of sexual immoral acts, who we cursed out and why, talks about our over indulging in drinking, etc, are all praised in this post modern society we live. So we are comfortable and complacent discussing sinful things God finds horrifying.

We agree or simply do not correct, biblical flaws and misinterpretations of the bible that the world speaks. Often saying things like, well, your god and my God are the same as long as you worship your God ... homosexuals can't control who they fall in love with. It's no different from me being in love. These are absolute DANGEROUS PERSPECTIVES ... and will lead people to a false relationship with God.

Often our shame in Christ is subtle and rarely thought about. "The believer simply is just trying to fit in, fly below the radar and not correct too many people as to be among the unpopular "bible thumping" crowd. That mindset is a compromise of God's authentic word. God is not pleased with our shame in him. (Luke 9:26 Jesus says if any is ashamed of me and my words of him shall the son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his glory...) Do you really want the God of the universe ashamed of you come judgment time? True believers boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, with no shame and no watered down versions of bible perspectives.

Pastor Charles

Praise and Thankfulness (Continued) ...

know him! This is reason enough to be thankful to God because he has already promised he will be there for us! Furthermore, our praise easily goes up for the fact that he has always been there in the past... and he is ready to be there again! We can't help but be overpowered by giving God thanks and praising him for his continual love of us.

That settles it then. We cannot genuinely be thankful to God and not give him praise, nor can we praise him and not be thankful for all he has done, is doing and will do in our lives. The two go hand in hand. These attributes are reciprocal partners of each other and you can't have one without the other.

How does this affect you? It would suggest that not only do we have to understand what we are to be thankful to God for, but that he deserves our highest praise for all he does for us. Are you able to recognize all that he has done for you in your life? If your answer is yes, be free to show God your gratitude through your thankfulness, and let it resound as a glorious trumpet of praise for the one who deserves all we could ever give. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

MEMBERS CORNER



Hello DSCC Members

I want to recognize a new member. Carmelita Real. She was baptized on September 22, 2013. Now DaySpring and the world knows she loves the Lord and will serve him with all her heart, strength and soul.

This month's **HIGHLIGHTED** member is a mature woman of GOD who's known from the beginning who Jesus was. Here's her testimony ... but before you read it, she wanted us to acknowledge that there were five people that received their membership certificates on the same Sunday that she did ... "Tanya and I, Shan, Aries and Ernie".

My Grandson Bryant Pulliam and his new wife were counseled by Charles. We asked Bryant where was his church in Gardena? Joshlyn invited us to come to the church's anniversary, so we did, expecting to hear Charles preach, little did we know he had invited a guest speaker. We had visited other churches, taking a break from the routine; each time there was a guest speaker. I came one Sunday (Tanya had something to do) to hear Charles preach. Tuesday night was great, but Sunday services were something we had been looking for, in-depth study and not just the surface stuff.

Our family consists of five grown children, ten grandchildren,

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A Thankful Heart

by Fou Nuu



Thank You. Two simple words that mean much. A small phrase that takes such a short time to say but we are often too busy to utter. Being thankful is a life altering experience. Here are a few ways we benefit from being thankful:

"It takes the focus off of you".

When you take the time to give your attention to someone else, you focus on his or her efforts, not what you have done. Acknowledge others and how they have blessed your life.

Thank God everyday. "It helps you recognize where you came from". It's humbling to look back on your life and see all of the mistakes you have made, but it's encouraging to take the time to contemplate those that helped you along the way.

Thank your Family everyday.

"It motivates us to serve others".

Understand your reliance on others and the need for their assistance. Taking the time to be thankful will make service a natural part of your life, because it helps you understand how much we all need each other.

Thank a friend everyday. "It forces you to admit you can't do everything yourself".

Whether it's God, your spouse, employer, friends or family, gratitude focuses our hearts on our complete dependence on others. Despite our abilities we can't accomplish anything without help.

Say "thank you" often and say it from the heart. Go out and bless others in the ways you have been blessed. It is

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"INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK"

Tuesday, November 19th @ 7:00pm
DaySpring Christian Center
Counseling Room

Don't miss our International Thanksgiving Potluck, as we celebrate the diverse cultures in our church and give thanks for everything the Lord has blessed us with. To sign-up to bring a dish, please see Faye Maretic or contact her at 310.750.8777.

"REVIVE, REPLENISH, RENEW MARRIAGE RETREAT"

Friday, Nov. 29- Sunday, Dec.1, 2013
Ayres Hotel & Suites Costa Mesa

Attention Married Couples! Join Pastor Charles and First Lady Kesha for a romantic weekend getaway to our upcoming Marriage Retreat. Come get refreshed and restore the love in your marriage.

***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT* (\$30.00 OFF RATE)**

Cost IS NOW: \$280.00, for the first 25 couples to register. *Payment Plan available.*

Register:

- **By Oct. 20-** A \$100 deposit is required and is applied to the total cost.
- On-line at www.dayspringcc.org or contact Misty Copeland at 310.853.8477 ext 0, or email retreat-info@dayspringcc.org

****TOTAL balance must be paid by 11.8.13****





In everything give thanks, for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus
1Thessalonians 5:18

Members Corner (continued)

and nine great grandchildren to date. My dad and stepmother moved us to California in 1944 from Eads, Tennessee. My brother went with my grandmother. My sister was raised by my great uncle and aunt, but we never lost touch.

My church days were from day one. That was an expected activity for country folk. I knew about Jesus all my life. In 1981, because of a message in a series our pastor preached, I was baptized again because the first time it was a gesture to make the minister's point with the membership. The second time was for the right reason, serving Jesus as the key. DaySpring Christian Center is on a mission and we are there to help not for man's approval but GOD's. Ps 23:1 is my scripture that I hold onto because I am a satisfied single. There is no halo above my head and no bulging growths on my back of potential wings. I am a saint that sins. If you have any questions, bring them on.

Marcellette Fowler

A Thankful Heart (Continued)

not always easy to give thanks, but this is the very thing we must do in order to see God's will accomplished in our lives. This is how we move into higher realms of faith for our church, families, our communities and ourselves.

As it states in Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called on one body, and be thankful."

Finance Team H.U.G. (hospitality, usher & greeters) Team

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